Assistance to Jharkhand for Tribal Welfare

3682. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total assistance received by the Tribal Welfare Department of Jharkhand from the Central Government during the last five years under the heads stipends, scholarships, irrigation, lift irrigation, housing, agriculture, etc. for tribals, year-wise, district-wise and sector-wise; and

(b) the proposed Central assistance for the next three years, year-wise, district-wise and sector-wise?

THE. MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. RAMESHWAR ORAON): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements several central sector/centrally sponsored schemes/programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people in the country including the State of Jharkhand. The schemes of the Ministry relate to income and employment generation, infrastructure development, educational development and improvement of literacy of all the tribal people. Funds under the schemes of the Ministry are released to the State/UT Governments based on the percentage of ST population in the State/UT, the proposals submitted by them, fulfillment of the eligibility conditions of the relevant scheme, subject to the availability of funds and utilization by the previously released funds. Funds under these schemes are not released district-wise and sector-wise.

The details of the funds allocated to the State of Jharkhand for tribal welfare during the last five years (2003-04 to 2007-08) are as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated
2003-04	8544.36
2004-05	8944.00
2005-06	10101.97
2006-07	11022.82
2007-08	9747.10

(b) For the year 2008-09, a total allocation of Rs. 2121.00 crore has been made by the Planning Commission for tribal welfare programmes in the country. State-wise allocations are yet to be made by the Ministry. The allocation for the next three years cannot be indicated at this stage.

Development of tribals

3683. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is concerned with promoting the languages, culture and identities of tribals;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) how Government intends to save these people from the onslaught by the fundamentalist forces?